

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:31 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacic, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; Business Manager, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 28 patrons present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT** – None

**3. PRESENTATION: BGHS Varsity Baseball State Champions**

State Representatives Michael Aylesworth & Julie Olthoff congratulated the BGHS Varsity Baseball State Champions and presented House of Representatives Proclamations to each athlete on the team and the coaches.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA** – Dr. Schmidt

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Board Minutes
- C. Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.; and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the resignation of **Allison Young** as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School effective as of July 23, 2018.
- Approve **Kyle Ludovice** as a full-time Computer Technician beginning on December 18, 2017 with an annual salary of \$28,000 for 260 days.
- Approve **Bill Gall** as a Budgetary Advisor with compensation of \$105.00 per hour to assist with budget preparation and/or in an advisory capacity as needed.
- Approve **Shana Wrigley** as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year with compensation as per contract with zero (0) years of experience and a Bachelor Degree.
- Approve **Maxwell Kidd** as a Temporary Computer Technician at Boone Grove High School from July 30, 2018 until August 9, 2018 with compensation of \$13.46 per hour.
- Approve an hourly rate of pay increase to \$32.00 per hour for **Lieutenant Jeremy Chavez**, the Primary SRO for Porter Township School Corporation, effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Lori DuPratt** as a Cafeteria Worker at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on August 15, 2018 with compensation of \$8.55 per hour.
- Approve **Dennis Porter** as a full-time Custodian at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of August 13, 2018 with compensation of \$10.32 per hour.
- Approve **Jeff Maier** as the Girls' Freshman Volleyball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Amber Schulz** as the Middle School Dance Team Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Jason Wargo** as a High School Girls' Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Jori Swan-Caratini** as a Varsity Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Ethan Smith** as a Middle School Football Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Jacob Gholston and Joey Plesac** as Middle School Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **George Pate, Carla Marcheschi, Bill Cain and Rachel Wilkening** as Middle School Softball Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Scott Wiggins** as a Varsity Football Assistant Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$2,300.00 based upon 100% of the 2018-2019 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Rick Mayersky** as a Varsity Football Assistant Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$1533.33 based upon 66.66% of the 2018-2019 ECA Salary Schedule.

- Approve **Austin Kukulski** as a Varsity Football Assistant Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$766.67 based upon 33.33% of the 2018-2019 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Ryan Seydel** as a Varsity Football Assistant Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$1533.33 based upon 66.66% of the 2018-2019 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Ethan Smith** as a Varsity Football Assistant Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$766.67 based upon 33.33% of the 2018-2019 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Accept the resignation of **Justin Belko** as the Girls' 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach and the Boys' 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach effective as of August 8, 2018.
- Approve **Justin Belko** as the Girls' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Justin Belko** as the Boys' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.

Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Appropriation summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments

Dr. Schmidt referred to the appropriation summary, the fund report and investment summary provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; no questions were heard.

#### **6. BUSINESS**

##### **A. Permission to Advertise 2019 Budget Information – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt explained there is a new budget process this year. Dr. Schmidt said following the budget presentation she will ask for permission to advertise the budget; the budget must be uploaded into Gateway by September 3; the budget hearing will be held during the September board meeting; and approval and adoption of the budget will be requested at the October board meeting. House enrolled Act 1009 was passed during the 2017 legislative session and basically overhauls the school financial reporting budgeting system and goes into effect January 1, 2019. This new law repealed some of the budget's major funds and requires establishment of two new funds: The Education Fund and the Operations Fund. The Education Fund pays expenses allocated to student instruction and learning such as: teacher salaries and fringe benefits, principal salaries and fringe benefits, special education programs, career tech education programs, summer school, remediation, guidance counselors, nurses, classroom supplies and equipment, media services, extra-curricular activities and also receives tuition support. The second fund is the Operations Fund which pays transportation, bus replacement, capital projects, the business office, Human Resources, utilities, custodial maintenance, insurance, superintendent's salary, assistant superintendent salary and school resource officers salary. Debt Service Fund and School Pension Debt Fund still remain. Dr. Schmidt said the Education Fund and the Operations Fund will need to be established and there will be many discussions and presentations to come in future months. Dr. Schmidt gave a presentation on the budget and announced that the assessed value went up \$3.36 million and said she is optimistic for some enrollment growth. Dr. Schmidt requested permission to advertise the 2019 Budget. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to give Dr. Schmidt permission to advertise the 2019 Budget as requested; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

##### **B. Adopt Resolution #0818-186 – Resolution to Establish Education Fund and Operations Fund - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said due to recent legislative changes, the board must adopt a resolution to establish the Education Fund and the Operations Fund and recommended adoption of Resolution #0818-186. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0818-186 – Resolution to establish the Education Fund and the Operations Fund; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

##### **C. Approve Additional Transfer Students for the 2018-19 School Year – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt requested acceptance of additional transfer students for the 2018-19 school year as listed in the board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to accept additional transfer students as listed in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of donations received at the high school. The first donation is an employee matching funds donation received from Ryan Seydel, an employee of BP Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$3,563.85 to be used for the Football Team. The second donation is two banners presented by the Boone Grove Fire Department. These banners were displayed on the Boone Grove Fire Department's fire trucks during the July 4<sup>th</sup> parades to celebrate the Baseball Team's State Championship. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the donations as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt requested approval of overnight field trips requested by Boone Grove High School and the Athletic Department. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the overnight field trips as requested by Dr. Schmidt and listed in the board packet; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Parrish said he is excited about the new start for the new students beginning at New Horizons. Mr. Parrish said the Personnel Profile tonight is Brittany McKamey, a New Horizons Teacher, who has been employed with PTSC for three years. Mrs. McKamey graduated from Valparaiso High School and Purdue North Central. Mr. Parrish said Mrs. McKamey is outstanding! Mrs. McKamey has been the driving force to the success of the students at New Horizons and he is proud to call her one of our teachers.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Schmidt said the Boone Grove Complex is moving along and looking great. Dr. Schmidt announced that she was invited to speak at the New Teacher Orientation Luncheon which was provided by the Crossroads Chamber of Commerce and she is excited to welcome the new staff. Dr. Schmidt said a welcome letter has been sent parents to inform them about the new Raptor system which will be used for visitors to sign-in and sign-out students. State identification is required to enter the building and a badge will be printed for all visitors. In addition, only names listed as an emergency contact in the student's record will be allowed to sign-out a student. Dr. Schmidt said she is excited about the increase in security these changes will provide. Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Mr. Parrish on August 18 and to Mr. Rosinia on September 1.

**9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Williams said she is hoping everybody has a great year. Mrs. Sgouros shared that she will be in Chicago on Monday with several other retired teachers celebrating retirement.

**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman said even though three schools held registration at the high school this year, he felt it went smoothly overall and he thanked the staff for their hard work. Mr. Corman also said a successful Freshman Orientation was held on Tuesday night and the new lights at the high school are phenomenal.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said BGMS has a new Counselor this year, Jessica Schultz. Mr. Lichtenberger also said BGMS teachers hope to be able to setup their classrooms on Sunday and he is looking forward to fall sports starting up.
- Mr. Ivanyo said BGE has four new faces this year: Kyle Hernandez, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher; Shana Wrigley, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher; Cassie Cox and Meghan Hundt, Special Education Teachers. BGE Open House is Grade 4 on August 15 and Grade 5 on August 16.

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None****12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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